

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In Re the Application of: |) Group Art Unit: 3749 |
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| JOHNSON et al. |) Examiner: Rinehart, Kenneth |
| Serial No.: 10/622,677 |))) |
| Filed: July 18, 2003 |) <u>UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED</u>) APPLICATION 37 CFR 1.137(b) |
| Atty. File No.: 3791-13-CON |) |
| For: "LOW SULFUR COAL ADDITIVE FOR IMPROVED FURNACE OPERATION" Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313 | "EXPRESS MAIL" MAILING LABEL NUMBER: EV556788865US DATE OF DEPOSIT: 4/29/05 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME: Amy Si Duarte SIGNATURE: |
| Dear Sir: | |

The period for response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2005, expired on April 6, 2005. Applicants filed an Amendment and Response After Final on April 6, 2005, paying the required extension fees. However, Applicants inadvertently failed to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal with that amendment. In an Advisory Action mailed April 26, 2005, the Examiner refused to enter the amendments in the Amendment and Response After Final filed April 6, 2005, and found that the Amendment and Response After Final failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Based on the Advisory Action, the application may be abandoned for failure to file a Notice of Appeal or RCE.

The failure to file a Request for Continued Examination was <u>unintentional</u>. Accompanying this Petition are (1) a Request for Continued Examination with the applicable fee of \$790.00 and (2) the fee for the unintentionally abandoned application filing pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.137 of \$1,500.

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The Amendment and Response After Final filed April 6, 2005, is the required submission under 37 CFR § 1.111.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

It is believed that no additional fees are due. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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